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DEATH MAY BE THE END. | INHALED GAS AND DIED.

FATALLY BRATEN IN A QUAR-REL OVER CARDS.

HE WAS A WELL-KNOWN CHURCH MEMBER AND HAS JUST BEEN MADE A SUNDAY-SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT - THE PROPRIETOR OF THE SALOON WHERE THE FIGHT OCCURRED HELD

WITHOUT BAIL The congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, of Benson and Twentieth aves. as well as the social leaders in Bensonhurst, were greatly shocked when they learned for the first time yesterday that William Crane, the newly appointed superintendent of the Sundayschool, was lying in a dying condition at the home of his parents, Eighty-fourth-st., and Twenty-second-ave., from injuries received, it is alleged, in a barroom fight on Friday night. The case was reported to the police of Bath Beach on Saturday, but they paid little attention to it, and it was marked on the blotter as a simple assault. Yesterday morning, in the Fort Hamilton Police Court, the true facts were made known, and, as a result. Edward Stowell, a salconkeeper of Eighteenth-ave, and Benson-

awaiting the result of Craze's injuries. It appears that on Friday night Crane attended a choir rehearsal in the church, and that afterward he went to Stowell's saloon, wherethe found a party in a game of poker. In the game with Crane, it was declared in court, were Frederick Haviland, of Bay Tenth-st.; Frank Henly, and Forrest Seabury, of Eighteenth-ave. They played for some time, when a "jack pot" was started, which had a good sum of money in it. Then, it is alleged, Seabury, without any ceremony, grabbed the money that was on the table and refused to show his cards.

ave., is now lodged in Raymond Street Jail

This action on the part of Seabury was protested against by Crane, and hot words passed between them. After quarrelling for several winutes or more, Seabury, it is alleged, struck Crane a heavy blow in the face, causing him to reel. When Crane regained his senses he tried to defend himself, but he soon found out that he was no match for the men who surrounded him. The fight caused great excitement in the

saloon, and Stowell, seeing how things were going, pitched into Crane, and, it is charged, struck him a stunning blow on the forehead. He followed this up by several more blows, the witnesses said, and knocked the man to the floor. While in this position, it is alleged, Stowell caught Crane between the shoulders and pounded his head a dozen times or more against the floor.

Crane begged for mercy, saying that he would leave the saloon and trouble the party no more. For a reply Stowell struck him three times in the mouth, bystanders declare, knocking two of his teeth out. When Crane managed to get on his feet again he left the saloon and went to his home, where he informed his brother Benjamin of what had taken place.

Benjamin immediately went to the saloon and demanded an explanation. Upon receiving no satisfaction he went to the Bath Beach police station, where he reported the assault upon his brother. An officer was immediately sent to arrest Stowell, but he, in the mean time, had dis-

Benjamin afterward went with his brother to the house of Dr. Malone, in Twenty-second-ave., and while waiting on, the veranda for the door to be opened, the young man fainted. He was carried into the office unconscious, and when he recovered he complained of severe pains in the head. On the way home Crane again fainted, and his brother had to carry him in his arms to his house. He remained unconscious until 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, when he got up from his bed and went to the Mr. and Mrs. Stillman, Twenty-fourth and Bath aves., where he remained for ten or fifteen minutes. From there he went to Bath-ave, and

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The conductor, noticing the strange actions of the young man, took him back to Bensonhurst and put him off at Twenty-fourth-ave. Crane then went back to the home of the Stillmans, and they sent the young man home in a carriage. On being taken into his house he was selzed with a hemorrhage and afterward became unconscious, in which condition he remained up to yesterday. Dr. Mayne, who was summoned by the young man's family, said there is no doubt that his skull is fractured and that there is small chance for his recovery.

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Crane yesterday reached his twentieth birthday, and the trustees of the church intended to Install him as superintendent of the Sundayschool in honor of the occasion. He was one of the leading young men of the congregation, and one of the social leaders of Bensonhurst. It was never thought for a moment that he frequented Stowell's saloon or ever played cards, and therefore it was the cause of much talk among the people of the church yesterday.

The Rev. Dr. John W. Kramer, pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit, was at the bedside of the young man last night. Crane is now delirious, and at frequent intervals he cries out for some one to come to his assistance and save him from being killed.

Stowell opened his place, which he calls the "Benson Hotel," about fifteen months ago, and he is well known about the town. Three years ago he went to Europe as manager for the athletic team of Rickford Brothers. When he is taken before Justice Rhodes this morning the charge of assault will be changed from the third to that of one in the first degree. Seabury, Henley and Haviland, who, it is alleged, were in the game with Crane, have not been arrested. Stowell was arrested at a late hour on Saturday night and locked up in the Town Hall. Yesterday morning he was committed to Raymond Street Jail without bail.

# ISAAC P. ROGERS DEAD.

Isaac P. Rogers died at his home. No. 215 Putnamave., on Saturday. He was eighty-nine years old, and was born in Huntington, Long Island, where his father was also born. For thirty-one years he was accountant for the firm of Martin Bates, jr., & Co., sealskin importers, formerly of Greene-st., York. Mr. Rogers was a member of the old St. Nicholas Society. For a period of more than forty years he was an attendant of the First Dutch forty years he was an attendant of the Park of the Reformed Church, which stood on the site of the Municipal Building, in Joralemon-st., now the First Reformed Church, Seventh-ave, and Carroll-st. A widow and six children survive him. The funeral will be held at his home this afternoon.

NAUTILUS CLUB TO HAVE A CITY HOUSE. The Nautilus Boat Club met last Friday night at the Clarendon Hotel, when it was decided to pro cure a city clubhouse for the members. This will be chosen in the central part of the city and will be fitted out in a month. David M. Boe, chairman of the Special Ways and Means Committee, which has been appointed to consider the subject, said that, with an increase in membership and with a that, with an increase in membership and with a slight increase in the dues, the club would be more than able to maintain a city house. The meeting decided to issue \$1.00 of bonds, paying 5 per cent interest, and a large number were at once subscribed for by the members. When the clubhouse is finished it will have complete accommodations for wheelmen, to whom it will offer every advantage. In the summer, when the rowing season is at its height, there will be pienty of work for the boats at the end of Sixty-fifth-st.

THE LAST GAME OF POLO TO-DAY.

The final game of the polo championship series for the Astor Cup will be played at the Prospect Park Parade Ground this afternoon, beginning at 4 The teams to line up will be the Meudowbrook Club, of Westbury, Long Island, and the famous Rockaway Club, of Cedarhurst, Long sland. These two teams are winners of the games of last week, and as such are the only ones entitled o play for the cup. The teams will line up as fol-ows:

Meadowbrook-W. C. Eustis, Thomas Hitchcock, C. C. Baldwin, jr., and Benjamin Nicoli. Colors, ky blue. sky blue.
Rockaway-J. S. Stevens, J. E. Cowdin, Foxhall
P. Keene and G. P. Eustis. Colors, dark blue.

A YOUNG SOCIETY MAN PROPABLY JOHN FILS COMMITTED SUICIDE IN AN EAST NEW-YORK HOTEL

> HE HAD HAD AN INTERESTING CAREER AND WAS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY CAUSE FOR

SELF-MURDER John Fils, one of the best-known and most popular men in the German club and singing society circles of Brooklyn, took his own life at an early hour yesterday morning by inhaling illuminating gas through a rubber tube. The news of his unhappy ending caused much surprise among his many friends and acquaintances, as he was of a particularly cheerful disposition, and was not believed to have any serious troubles. His family ascribe the suicide to mental unbalance, due to the

Mr. Fils left his home, at No. 113 Court-st., cr Thursday morning, asking his wife to be sure and cook for him for dinner a particular dish of vegetables which was a favorite with him. The dish was cooked and waiting for him at dinner time. dish grew cold, but the husband had not come home. Late in the afternoon Mrs. Fils went to the Fulton-st, store of Smith, Gray & Co., where Fils was manager of the custom department. The store

people said he had not been there all day. It was afterward learned that Fils began drinking heavily, and went out to a hotel at Alabama-ave. and Fulton-st. There, after two and one-half days, he ended his life. He tottered to his room in the hotel at midnight Saturday. At a late hour yesterday morning one of the servants rapped at his door to rouse him, thinking he had overslept. There was no response. Smelling gas, the servan called for assistance, and the door was broken open. When the gas had been disposed of sufficiently to make it safe to enter the room, Fils was found lying on the bed, dead, Beside him was a new white rubber tube, one end of which was attached to the gas jet, the other end being clutched in his righ hand near his mouth. It was evident that he had placed the tube in his mouth, and, having turned on the gas, forced himself to breathe it until he lost

The body was taken to his house last night, and the Coroner will hold an inquest to-day. Fils's career was an interesting one.

born of Austrian parents, near Vienna. He learned the trade of a tailor, and as a journeyman saw all of Europe, learning to speak eight languages fluenty, among them being German, Russian, Italian, French, Norwegian, English and Turkish. While in England he made the acquaintance of Lord Dufferin, who was so impressed with Fils's linguistic accomplishments that he employed him as a personal interpreter, taking him to Rome and St Petersburg. Finally, when Dufferin was sent as British Ambassador to Constantinople, he took Fils as his official interpreter. Fits made so good an impression on the Sultan that the latter decorated him with the medal of an important Turkish order. This medal Fils took much pride in exhibiting, and his stories of Turkish life were entertaining in the extreme.

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ago, and was employed for many years by Smith, Gray & Co. He left this firm for a short time a year or so ago, and was in business in Cortlandt-st. He was a member of the Saengerbund, the Lessing Lodge of Free Masons, the Lessing Quartet, the Masonic Veterans' Association, the Knights of Honor, the Legion of Honor and the Midnight Quartet. He was with the latter organization when it gave its New Year's serenades to Mayors Schieren and Wurster. He was formerly the bass in the quartet of the Schermerhorn German Lutheran Church.

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Fils was slender and six feet tall, and was called the "major-general" by his friends, but no one knew where the title came from. He was an inveterate story teller, and had an infectious laugh. His health had been failing for two years, the was troubled with bronchial catarrh. Since the ot spell his wife says he has been tactum and moody, and in other ways showed evidences of seling wrong mentally.

He leaves a widow and several children. He was the father of thirteen children, eight by a wife who died in Europe and five by his second wife, four boys and a girl. The latter is now travelling in Jermany.

# IN BROOKLYN ARMORIES.

AFFAIRS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE SECOND BRIGADE.

THE DRILL SEASON TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 1-THE 14TH MAY NOT HOLD ITS FAIR-TROOP C TO OIVE ATTENTION TO ROUGH RI

The drill season of the Second Brigade will begin on October 1. The brigade is in excellent condition, all its organizations having had camp training this summer except the 47th Regiment, and all being remarkably free from "deadwood." The work at Creedmoor promises to be better than that of any previous season. Three teams at least will compete in the State match at Creedmoor.

Colonel Watson expects the 13th Regiment to go right on recruiting as it has been doing, and to be a leader as regards numbers. Special attention will be paid this year to indoor rifle practice.

The 14th, too, under Colonel Michell, expects to do considerable recruiting, and more than make up for the weeding out of undesirable material.

It is doubtful whether the fair that was post-

ed from last winter till this fall will be held, as no arrangements have been made. The souvenir history of the regiment will probably be published, however. The regiment has given up hope of entering a team at Creedmoor this year, but will undoubtedly do so next year,

It will not be the fault of Captain Coulston, inspector of rifle practice of the 23d Regiment, if his egiment does not bring the State trophy to Brooklyn this year. The team has done excellent work. Colonel John S. Eddy hopes to get \$200,000 added to the present appropriation of \$150,900 for the purpose of preparing a suitable home for the 47th Regiment. Work on the alterations of the armory will be be-

gun in two or three months. Captain Clayton is going to have Troop C pay special attention to rough riding this year. "Our horses will come in from the country in the latter part of September," said he to a Tribune reporter 'Our first meeting will be held on October next week we will begin drilling. There will be four

next week we will begin drilling. There will be four drill nights, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, one for each platoon.

"We shall devote much time to individual horsemanship this fall. Rough riding is a necessary preparation for good cavairy work. Great pains will be taken in training both men and horses. The question of riding will be studied scientifically. We have seven applicants for membership in the troop.

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"The money necessary to make our armory inhabitable was put in the budget this year. We are only waiting now to have the Board of Aldermen approve an additional appropriation of \$10,000."

The 3d Battery expects this fall to have four Hotchkiss rapid-fire guns in place of the old howitzers. General Howard Carroll has promised to try to get them for the battery. The delay in completing the repairs on the armory is making the members of the battery impatient.

William Aschoff, a member of Company I, 13th Regiment, may be elected second licutenant of Company F. Mr. Aschoff withdrew from a contest for the same rank in Company I some time ago because he was erroneously informed that liquor-dealers were not eligible.

THE REV. DR. LYMAN ABBOTT RETURNING. The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, pastor of Plymouth Church; Mrs. Abbott, their youngest son, Theodore, and their youngest daughter, Miss Beatrice Abbott, are on their way back from Europe, where they have spent the summer. Dr. Abbott likes a long ocean voyage, so he is returning on the Atlantic transport steamer Manitoba in preference to a fast transport steamer Manitoba in preference to a fas-steamer. For the same reason, he made his out-ward voyage on the steamer Mohawk, of the same line. The party spent most of the time in Englan and Scotland, with a flying trip of three days to Switzerland, where Dr. Abbott delivered an address at the Conference on International Arbitration a Brindelwald. While there he caught a severe cold from which he quickly recovered, however. The party visited Oxford and Cambridge, the Scottish Highlands, the lake country and Edinburgh.

# FUNERAL OF GEORGE DEVERALL.

George Deverall, sixty-five years old, died at his ome, No. 229 Putnam-ave., on Thursday, from Bright's disease. He had been an extensive hair importer in this city for many years past, and was well known in the trade. The funeral was conducted last evening by the Rev. Mr. Collins, assistant pastor of the Church of the Messiah, Clermont and Greene aves. Mr. Deverall had been ill for some months, and the intense heat of the sum-mer aggravated his allment and weakened his con-stitution so that he succumbed. He was a charter member of Magnolia Lodge, I. O. O. F. Many of the lodge members were present at the funeral. Burlai will be in Greenwood Cemetery. He leaves a widow and three children.

ERASMUS HALL WILL ALSO THROW WIDE ITS DOORS TO RECEIVE STUDENTS.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 9 NOT READY ON ACCOUNT OF A STRIKE-THE LENGTHENED VA-CATION APPRECIATED.

When the Brooklyn schools open to-day there will one more High School. The work of Erasmus Hall, which has been pushed throughout the summer, has been completed, the examinations for admission have taken place, and to-day will be its first as a full-fledged Brooklyn High School. The examinations took place on Saturday, and the scho will start with about 100 pupils.

Walter B. Gunnison, the principal, says that the full course will undoubtedly be taught in the new school, It was at first intended to teach the first term only, local committee has decided that it will i practicable to establish a full course of study. Gunnison and his staff of teachers held a conference



WALTER B. GUNNISON, PH. D.

in the principal's office on Saturday morning, and all is ready for a good start. Mr. Naughton, Superthe hall into twelve convenient classrooms, with acmmodations for 336 pupils. Some of the desks in the classrooms have not yet been placed, but there is

no fear that the school work will be delayed. Dr. Gunnison, although one of the younger principals of Brooklyn, has long been one of the best known educators in the city. Some time ago he was nominated for Assistant Superintendent of Instruction in New-York City, but declined the office, preferring to continue his work as a school principal. He is president of the Teachers' Association, having been elected to succeed Channing Stebbins a few months ago.

He is a New-England man by birth, and received ool education at Westbrook Seminary, Portland, Me. He afterward took his degree at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., and then became professor of Latin in that institution, where he re mained for some years. About eleven years ago he came to Brooklyn, and was made principal of Public School No. 19. That school has been known ever since as one of the foremost schools of Brooklyn, and under his management has grown in public esteem He was called to the presidency of St. Lawrence Uni ersity about a year ago, but declined the offer. He has been president of the State Teachers' Association and has always been popular, not only with the teachers and scholars in No. 19, but throughout the city. His brothers, the Rev. Dr. Almon Gunnison and Herbert F. Gunnison, are well known in Brooklyn. ADDITIONS TO THE OLD SCHOOLS.

The educational facilities of the city will be in creased greatly by the number of additions to old schools which have been built in the summer, and nearly all of which will be ready to open to-day. These additions have been built in the sections where where there is the most danger of overcrowding. The new school which was to have been opened, No. 9, will not be ready, owing to the way in which the work was delayed by a strike. Superintendent Naughton thinks it will be ready by October 15, but the local committee does not share that opinion, and t is possible that it may not be ready before Decem-

This year is the first in which the schools have not spened until the middle of the month. The relief has en felt by teachers, pupils and parents alike. has long been felt that the continuance of the scho season into July and its reopening on the first Monday in September was a serious evil, owing to the demoralization of school work in the hot weather. Many parents were obliged to be in town in the hot July and September days, while others took their children away from the schools, and by decreasing the attendance added to the demoralization. At last a determined effort was made to do away with these evils, and the new rule was recently massed closing evils. a determined effort was made to do away with these evils, and the new rule was recently passed closing the schools in June and reopening them on the second Monday in September. This reform was adopted notwithstanding the determined opposition of some of the older members of the Board, whose chief argument was that the city could not afford to pay the teachers' salaries for the days on which they were absent. The benefits of the change, however, are now so apparent that it is doubtful if any one wishes to go back to the old rule.

A HEAVY REGISTRATION EXPECTED.

The increase in registration this week is expected to be large, and it will probably be the largest week's registration in the school history of Brookiyn. The Manual Training High School will be crowded. The lack of accommodations for this school is giving considerable uneasiness to the authorities, and it is only

siderable uneasiness to the authorities, and it is only a question of time when the school will be obliged to refuse to take any more pupils.

Walter S. Goodenough, supervisor of drawing, held a conference with his corps of instructors on Saturday attension in the rooms of the Board of Education, and mapped out the work for the term. There are eighteen teachers on Mr. Goodenough's staff, of whom seven will teach in the high schools and eleven in the primary and grammar grades. The Committee on Drawing has assigned R. J. Pattison and Raiph W. Allen to the Boys' High School; Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Emma A. Jores and Kathrina M. Wiley to the Girls' High School, and ida E. Boyd to the Training School for Teachers.

Teachers' meetings in drawing will begin on September 2, in the Training School. All new teachers must attend these meetings, but attendance is optional with older ones.

SCHOOLS REOPEN TO-DAY. TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

JACOB MEBOLDT DRANK OXALIC ACID FOR RPSOM SALTS.

HIS WIFE MIXED THE SUPPOSED MEDICINE-A LITTLE DAUGHTER HAD BEEN SENT TO PURCHASE THE DOSE.

Jacob Meboldt, forty-three years old, a German, fled yesterday at his home, No. 3 Bremen-st., the effects of oxalic soid, taken in mistake for Epsom salts. The poison was prepared by Meboldt's wife, who is now frantic with grief, and a warrant has been issued by Coroner Nason for the arrest of Charles P. Timmermann, a druggist, of Bushwickave, and Mesorole-st., who, it is alleged, gave the poison in mistake for saits. Meboldt's sufferings were intense before death came. The family occupy a two-story frame house at the Bremen-st address. Meboldt was prominent in German circles and a member of many societies, among them being the Suabian Volksfest, of which he was secretary and a member of the Executive Com-He was also president of the Suabians' Sick Benefit Fund. Until three months ago he conducted the Union Sanger Hall, at Meserole and

Ewen sts., which was destroyed by fire. For two weeks Meboldt had been suffering from a severe cold, and failed to cure it. On Saturday an old woman recommended Epsom salts as a good remedy. On Saturday evening Meboldt took a trolley ride with one of the German societies of which he was a member. Before leaving the house he told his wife to purchase the salts, could take them when he returned. Mrs. Meboldt sent her twelve-year-old daughter Annie to Timmer mann's store for five cents' worth of salts. When the child returned Pauline, nineteen years old, an

mann's store for five cents' worth of salts. When the child returned Pauline, nineteen years old, an elder daughter, took the package and put the contents into a tin box which had been used before for salts. The paper which had contained the poison was then destroyed.

It was 3 o'clock yesterday morning when Meboldt returned from the trolley ride, and he went straight to bed. He awoke at 19:20 o'clock and asked his wife to prepare the salts. Mrs. Meboldt went to the tin box, took a teaspoonful of the acid and mixed it in half a cupful of warm water. Taking the fatal dose to the bedside of her husband, he drank it. A few seconds later Meboldt exclaimed to his wife:

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"That is not salts: it no. 71 Jefferson-st., and when the physician arrived he found the man was suffering from poisoning. Several antidotes were administered, but ali to no purpose, and the man died two hours later. The case was reported to the Hamburg-ave, police station, and Detective Wilson was sent out on the case. When he called at the drug store Wilson was told by Timmerman that Meboldt's daughter had asked for oxalic acid, and not Carisbad salts. He had labelled it poison, and also showed the detective the entry on his book.

The child Annie insists, however, that she asked for Carisbad salts. When the case was reported to Coroner Nason the latter decided to issue a warrant for the druggist's arrest.

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#### MAY SERIOUSLY HARM THE CITY.

PROBABLE EFFECT OF EXAGGERATED RE-PORTS ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLY.

There are many people in Brooklyn who greatly regret that the reports concerning the water supply have been so much exaggerated, and believe that the statements so widely circulated to the effect that the water is vile and filthy and unfit for human use will affect the general welfare of the city most mjuriously. A prominent resident of the Park Slope, in speaking of this matter yesterday, said:

Everybody familiar with the subject knows that there has been a good deal of exaggeration about it. The headlines in some of the papers have depicted an appalling state of affairs. Now, I have not seen at any time that the water was particu the school population has grown most largely, and larly bad. It has not been as good as usual, it is true, and at times there has been something of-fensive in the smell and taste. But that was easily removed by boiling, and even if one drank the water as it came from the faucet we have the word of the Health Commissioner and his as-sociates that it has not been injurious to health.

Unquestionably, some of the ponds have not been cleaned thoroughly—through whose fault I do not know-but I do not see how any one with any re gard for the well-being of the city could possibly describe them, as I have seen them described, as 'simply nasty.' Under these circumstances it is certain that people who may have been intending

simply nasty. Under these circumstances it is certain that people who nay have been intending to come to Brooklyn to live will stay away, and it is almost equally certain that some residents will move away. The effect on real estate will be very bad, and lots of people will be unable to get tenants for their houses and flats.

"Of course, I do not mean to say that the facts should have been concealed or made light of, I think the people were entitled to know the exact truth. But the Health Commissioner is not responsible for the headlines that have been put up, and that can only convey a wrong impression to those unacqu dinted with the situation. Those who have been in Brooklyn all the time know that things are not so bid, but Brooklyn people who have been out of town and learned about the matter only from the newspapers must have erroneous notions of the situation. No doubt some of them are prolonging their stay in the country because they have got the idea that the water is unfit to use for any purpose.

"What I protest against is the exaggeration and the spreading of the idea that the water supply of Brooklyn has been permanently impaired. The fault seems to lie in the rank growth of weeds, which the excessively hot weather caused to decay more rapidly than usual. The City Works Department ought to have found this out long ago and done the necessary cleaning in time to prevent all trouble."

CHARGED WITH STABBING HIS WIFE. Patrick Curley, fifty-five years old, of No. 108 Sullivan-st., was arrested early yesterday morning by Policeman Mulligan, of the Eleventh Precinct, on a charge of assault in the second degree, the alleged victim being his wife, Bridget Sullivan, fifty-two years old. Sullivan went home intoxicated and in an ugly mood yesterday morning. His wife was asleep at the time, and she charges that he stabbed her in the face and the right arm. Mrs. Curley was attended by Surgeon Becker, of the Long Island College Hospital, where she was removed after her wounds were dressed.

# WHEELMEN IN CLOVER.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THEIR BENEFIT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

THE MACADAMIZING OF BAY PARKWAY AND FORT HAMILTON-AVE.-HOW THE WORK IN GLEN-

MORE-AVE. IS ADVANCING. Wheelmen in Brooklyn, as well as those of the metropolitan district in general, have the best of reasons for rejoicing over the provisions made and making for their comfort and convenience in Brooklyn Not only has the new Cycle Path to Coney Island-or rather from it, since it is used mainly, if not exclusively, by riders on their way northward-been completed the present year, and not only is the Glenmore-ave, improvement well under way, but within the limits of the city two other roads are being constructed that will afford pleasant changes to those who wish to depart from the usual beaten tracks.

A great advance was made in this respect last year, when the macadamizing of Eighteenth-ave, was completed to Ocean Parkway, enabling Gravesend Bay to be reached easily and quickly. This road was built under an arrangement made by the town of New-Utrecht before its annexation to Brooklyn, but it would not have been connected with the Boulevard if City Works Commissioner White had not taken the matter in his own hands and carried the road a short distance through the town of Flathush in order to complete the connection.

A little further down the Cycle Path, on the other side of Parkvide, one comes to Twenty-seco or Bay Parkway, as it is sometimes called. As long as two years ago the first mile of this at the northern end, nearly as far as Sixtieth-st., was macadamized, and the lower portion in Bensonhurst was also improved. Between the two improved parts lay a desolate waste of common country road, but happily that is now a thing of the past. The work of macadamizing, done under a contract let by the Park Department-for this parkway is one of several er the control of that Department-is being carried toward the shore, and is now practically pleted between Sixtleth and Seventy-third sts. A fine broad surface has been provided, and as soon a the entire avenue is opened it will be most popular with bievelers and drivers.

Nearer Prospect Park another improvement of importance has been in progress for some months. This is the macadamizing of Fort Hamilton-ave. Until reference library. By the books that the librarian recently this avenue was available for the use of bleyclers only on a narrow footpath, but still it was into some all-important topic. Leave her to be much used by those who fancy that sort of riding. especially as far as Sixty-fifth-st., from which Seventh-ave., with its good surface, could easily be reached. The process of macadamizing has been carried westward from the Boulevard as far as Greenwood Cemetery extends—nearly a mile—and then there is a break for some distance. The work of macadamizing has been resumed near West Brooklyn, and one can now ride in comfort as far as Forty-seventh-st., a macadamized road, harring

as Forty-seventh-st., a macadamized road, barring the gap just west of the cemetery, which probably will soon be filled up. The work so far as it has gone seems to have been wed done.

Fort Hamilton-ave, will not be improved all the way to Fort Hamilton, as there is not sufficient money available for the purpose, but the improvement will be carried as far as the old city line, and this fine road is intended to be the approach from the city to the Shore Drive, which is to begin at Sixty-fifth-st., or thereabouts.

The work on Glemmore-ave, and the other streets included in what is known collectively as the Glemmore-ave, improvement is going briskly forward, and there seems to be little doubt that it will be completed by the middle of next month. In fact, nearly one-half of the entire road is now in ridable condition. The asphalt section, from Alabama-ave, to Ashford-st., about one mile, has been ready for some days, and the western macadam section has been rapidly got in shape in the last week or two.

From a point half a dozen blocks cast of the end of Eastern Parkway proper one can ride without discumfort, and for the most of the way in positive comfort, as far as Warwick-st., a distance of fully a mile and a half. On the first part, from Amboyst. to Stone-ave, the top dressing of crushel stone has not been applied but the under surface of broken stone has been relied down so smooth that bieveles car go over it with impunity, mixed as the stone is with sand. From Stone-ave, eastward to the beginning of the macadam the top dressing has been pur on and partly rolled down. The riding here was line yester lay.

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A good deal of broken stone has been placed on the eastern section, but none of that part of the avenue can be ridden over as yet. East of Warwick-st. the rider has to turn up to Liberty-ave, when he realizes by contrast the good fortune that has provide the asphalt and macadam roadway as a means of escaping the uneven granite-block pavement.

The Park Department apparently has not yet made arrangements for the cleaning of the asphalt section of Glenmore-ave. There was a good deal of dirt on the surface yesterday, and it was blown about freely by the winds. This is a matter that to be made for the thorough sweeping of the roadway at least once every day. When the entire improvement is completed and Glenmore-ave, becomes a thoroughfare indeed, it will have to be cleaned still more frequently.

# AN APPEAL FOR CUBA.

THE REV. A J. DIAZ SPEAKS IN THE HAN-SON PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The announcement that the Rev. Alberto J. Diaz, cution for his loyalty to the insurgent cause, was to speak in the Hanson Place Baptist Church Miss Maltby has faith in women, in their ability packed the building to the doors last night. All the to understand the affairs of a city or nation.

bambels from Cuba after undergoing severe persecution for the lovality to the insurgent cause, was to speak in the lovality to the insurgent cause, was to speak amperation with the lovality to the insurgent cause, was to speak amperations when he makes a best were occupied, and before Dr. Daz began to speak campestools were brought into the asides.

Dr. Diaz justified the expectations which had brought out so large an audience. He proved to be a short, sturdy, rather black eyes. His Spanish covern serves to heighten rather than detected from the effect of his words, and when he makes a humorous allusions frequently. The most sombre and tragical parts of his stories of persecution were relieved by a gental humor that kept the house continually shaking with humbre.

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The Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the church, has a really great man. During him persent that to except he was obliged to take to the water on a plank. He was baptized in the Greene Avenue Baptist. Church, his spite of the opposition of some of the trustees, who thought that a man who was rested. He preached to the other presents of the present of the pres

Dixon's church be made it plain that he holds the present Administration responsible for the hard work the Cubans are having to win independence, and also that the hopes of himself and his fellow-believers are centred in the election of McKinley. His address was confined chiefly to the story of his own adventures and escapes, but once or twice he spoke of the war, and the applause with which these allusions were greeted proved that he had the sympathy of his audience. "Every man in my congregation, and every boy

over fourteen," he said, "is in the Cuban army This war is not the uprising of a few discontented This war is not the uprising of a few discontented people. It is an uprising of all classes of people in the island of Cuba. It is a war for independence, like the war in which you won your freedom from England. (Applause.) We pay \$29,000,000 a year to Spain. Every cent of it goes to Spain; not a cent is expended in Cuba; not a rairroad is built with it; not an industry established. Besides this \$29,000,000, we pay \$1,000,000 as interest on a Spanish debt. The Government has sent 120,000 soldlers to Cuba. We have \$60,000, of whom about 30,000 are well armed and the remainder have only the machete.

We have been waiting to see your Congress recognize our beiligerent rights. If Mr. Cleveland had permitted it, a great many lives would have been saved and the war would have been over. If we had been recognized in this way the island would now be independent. (Applause.) But we hope that the next Administration, when Mr.

McKinley takes the chair (great applause, continued), will put an end to our troubles, plause.) When we are free, religious tyranny be abolished, and our Protestant churches, Baptist churches, will be free to worship as

be abolished, and our Protestant churches, our least; churches, will be free to worship as they please."

Dr. Diaz t. en recounted his troubles and triumphs in preaching the Baptist faith. He said he had been excommunicated by the Bishop of Havana.

"After I was excommunicated," said he, "I felt of myself and found that I seemed to be safe and sound. Then I wrote to the Bishop and told him that I had been weighed and found I weighed his pounds, and that I had a very good appetite. The excommunication didn't seem to take effect, except to give me a free advertisement."

His great battles had been fought to secure recognition of Protestant marriages and to receive he fight to bury Protestant dead in a cemetry had these battles had been won. His propaganda is said, had been seriously threatened by the withholding of these rights, for people were afraid to lone church whose marriages were illegal and whose dead could not be buried. With his success in these two fights he had succeeded in building up a large congregation. He had been imprisoned six times the last time being for suspected symmathy with the insurgenis. He had organized a society on the sum of the Red Cross, doing good work among wounder Cubans and Soanlards alike. For this he had been arrested and imprisoned, but on the morning of his arrest he managed to detain the soldiers in conversation until he could scribble a telegram to Dr. Tieknor on a slip of paper and stealthly put it under spirate on his table. His wife found it, and although she did not understand Enxilsh, she guessed its perport and sent it. The result was his release.

Dr. Diaz bad an interested and enthusiastic audience throughout, and most of his pairdotic references were heartily applauded.

#### WOMEN WHO STUDY CIVICS

THE CIVITAS CLUB AND WHAT IT IS AC. COMPLISHING.

MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, NOT ANTIQUE BLUE-STOCKINGS, COMPRISE ITS WORKING PORCE.

Time was when my lady blue-stocking, from her vantage ground of a well-fed brain, and just as often a well-starved body, could sit at the prescribed distance from her companion, the dyspepte sage, and pityingly speak of the narrow soul of the society girl that could find satisfaction in frills and furbelows and gossip. But that was in the log

You may still see my lady blue-stocking upon almost any morning or afternoon that you have mind to study human nature in some near-at-hand is taking to her you note that she is digging deep around to note the young woman who has jus entered.

doubt about the chronology or maker of her clothen If her coachman is not walking his horses up and woman could have come in her carriage had she desired. Her work this morning will likely be long. so she has elected to take the trip to the library in the streetears. In the coming winter she may lead the german with a young man in her own circle. But she is an intellectual young woman, belongs to a club that has been formed for earnest hear and brain work, not of things long past and gone, and struggle to-day. The time when the society girl could take no part in the useful progressive movements of her time has passed. To-day she can hold her own in an argument upon the topics of of her "set" sharpen their wits upon. She will liste to the speeches of the most profound thinker speakers is weak she will grasp the slender thread with her bright young mind, strain it until it snaps asunder, and leave Mr. Philosopher floundering around hopelessly. Of such as these is the Civitas Club formed. At

an organization, it is in its infancy. Only three years old, it is the outgrowth of a strong feeling among some of the women in Brooklyn who wished fairs of Brooklyn as a city. That women formed into clubs, societies, associations should have a definite object in their corporate existence was h the minds of the women who formed the Civitas That there are too many things that need to be done for any one society to grasp and accomplish. the most obtuse will admit. They were glad to know a little about everything, but they wished to know everything about some one thing. And they elected that that one thing should be civic affairs. Hence they formed the Civitas Club.

It started off right, and it has grown and pros pered from the day of its organization is vember, 1893, to the present time. It was first thought that 150 members would be enough. That number has been increased twice, by twenty-five. There are now 200 members and a waiting lis The number, 200, will not be increased, as in the judgment of the directors a greater number would hamper and restrict the good work the club

is trying to accomplish rather than speed it.
Miss Katherine L. Maltby, of No. 199 Joralemon

do not attempt to hold method the members are busy with preparations for the holidays.

The club also supported a Red Cross nurse in the tenement-house district in July August, September and October of 1895.

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#### A RACEHORSE REPORTED STOLEN. William Grady, ex-Sealer of Weights and Mest

ures, of No. 511 Clinton-st., last night informed the police of Sheepshead Bay and Bath Beach that be racehorse Fleur de Lis, valued at \$2,00, had been stolen from Hegeman's pasture, where it had been turned out to graze. The house but hear grains turned out to graze. The horse had been graze near King's Highway, close to the Nassau Railroad crossing. Yesterday morning a young man she gave his name as John Robinson, called at Hest man's, saying that he had been sent by Mr. Grady for the horse. He took the animal away, and the police are now looking for the young man and the horse.

